Relocation of Hazardous Chemicals

4395. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the Lai Kuan, Delhi fire tragedy some years ago, it was decided that 877 units dealing in hazardous chemicals in the Walled City will be relocated to Holambi Kalan;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in relocating them; and

(c) the incident-wise details of the fire accidents occurred in Walled City during the last three years and and the quantum of property and lives lost due to these fire incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to shift the chemical traders from the Walled City to Hollambi Kalan/Narela.

(b) The reasons for delay in relocating the chemical traders include non-payment of premium for the sites allotted to them; submission of representations by some of these traders and pendency of a petition filed by them in the High Court of Delhi in this regard.

(c) The requisite details are given below:

Year	Number of incidents of fire	Number of deaths	Approximate Value of roperty lost (in Rs.)
2001-02	1262	6	39,73,280
2002-03	1161	15	1,25,86,058
2003-04	1090	10	3,08,04,700
2004 and upto 31.03.05	1086	11	91,88,700

Aborigines communities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

4396. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many aborigines communities existing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands have been wiped out by Tsunami on 26.12.04;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, their community-wise number before and after Tsunami; and

(d) the steps being taken to preserve them and uplift them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No tribe has been wiped out. However, some of them have been affected.

(c) There are six aboriginal tribes, namely, (i) Great Andamanese; (ii) Onges; (iii) Jarawas; (iv) Sentinelese; (v) Shompens; and (vi) Nicobarese in the Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands. The exact population figure of pre and post Tsunami period in respect of all individual tribes is not available. However, the total population of the tribal communities as per 2001 census was 29,469.

(d) Government have taken a number of welfare and development measures for the tribals of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These include

(i) Declaration of the areas inhabited by the tribes as reserved area under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 and protecting the rights of the tribes on their lands and trades in the reserved area under the said Regulations;

(ii) Provision of necessary amenities like free food and clothing, etc., to some of the tribes settled in specific areas;

(iii) An autonomous body, namely, Andaman Adim Janajati Vikas Samiti has been constituted by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to specifically take care of the welfare of the primitive tribes;

(iv) A number of welfare schemes for the tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are undertaken under the Tribal Sub-Plan.